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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 18-15—SB 186**

*Education Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL COUNSELORS**

**SUMMARY:** This act adds “school counselor” to state laws that mention “guidance counselor” (e.g., laws pertaining to bullying, school-based mental health programs, and attendance review teams). In practice, the State Department of Education recognizes both terms for professional certification endorsements, but the guidance counselor endorsement is no longer issued for new endorsements. New certification endorsements of this type are all for school counselor.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2018